

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) Activated An activated carbon having a total amount of surface functional groups of 2.5 meq/g or less which is prepared from granular isotropic pitch, wherein, in a process of forming the granular pitch, a step in which spinnable pitch is spun into fibers is not performed.

Claim 2. (Original) The activated carbon according to Claim 1, wherein the granular isotropic pitch has an average particle diameter of 10 mm or less.

Claim 3. (Original) The activated carbon according to Claim 1, which has a specific surface area of 100 to 4000 m²/g.

4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Original) The activated carbon according to Claim 1, wherein the half band width of a peak indicating the D band of amorphous carbon is 1 to 4 times larger than that of a peak indicating the D band of graphite carbon in Raman spectra.

Claims 6-29. (Withdrawn)

Claim 30. (Original) A polarizable electrode which is prepared by mixing the activated carbon of Claim 1 with at least a binder and an electroconductive filler.

Claim 31. (Original) The polarizable electrode according to Claim 30, which is a coat electrode prepared by applying a paste mixture containing the activated carbon to a surface.

Claim 32. (Original) The polarizable electrode according to Claim 30, which is a sheet electrode prepared by forming the mixture into a sheet.

Claim 33. (Original) The polarizable electrode according to Claim 30, which has an electrode density of 0.3 g/cm³ or more.

Claim 34. (Original) The polarizable electrode according to Claim 31, which has an electrode density of 0.3 g/cm³ or more.

Claim 35. (Original) The polarizable electrode according to Claim 32, which has an electrode density of 0.3 g/cm³ or more.

Claim 36. (Previously Amended) An electric double layer capacitor consisting essentially of a pair of polarizable electrodes, a current collector set onto each of the polarizable electrodes, and an electrolyte solution, wherein at least one of the polarizable electrodes is the polarizable electrode according to Claim 30.

Claim 37. (Previously Amended) An electric double layer capacitor consisting essentially of a pair of polarizable electrodes, a current collector set onto each of the polarizable electrodes, and an electrolyte solution, wherein at least one of the polarizable electrodes is the polarizable electrode according to Claim 31.

Claim 38. (Previously Amended) An electric double layer capacitor consisting essentially of a pair of polarizable electrodes, a current collector set onto each of the polarizable electrodes, and an electrolyte solution, wherein at least one of the polarizable electrodes is the polarizable electrode according to Claim 32.

Claim 39. (Original) The electric double layer capacitor according to Claim 36, wherein the expansion ratio of the polarizable electrodes is 40 % or less after charging and discharging.

Claim 40. (Original) The electric double layer capacitor according to Claim 37, wherein the expansion ratio of the polarizable electrodes is 40 % or less after charging and discharging.

Claim 41. (Original) The electric double layer capacitor according to Claim 38, wherein the expansion ratio of the polarizable electrodes is 40 % or less after charging and discharging.

Claim 42. (Previously Presented) The activated carbon according to Claim 2, wherein the average particle diameter is 400 μm or less.

Claim 43. (Previously Presented) The activated carbon according to Claim 42, wherein said average particle diameter is 20 μm or less.

Claim 44. (Previously Presented) The activated carbon according to Claim 3, wherein said specific surface area ranges from 100-2500 m^2/g .